Project proposals for rejuvenation of lakes from Karnataka

1865. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka has submitted project proposals for rejuvenation of lakes in Chikmagalur, Bidar and Davanegere cities at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.78 crores to the Central Government;

(b) if so, what is the current status of these proposals; and

(c) by when the funds are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Based on the preliminary examination of the proposals, clarifications have been sought from the Governments of Karnataka. These are awaited.

Under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP), State Governments *vide* Ministry's letter dated 4.6.2004, were asked to send prioritization of lakes in their States. The Government of Karnataka has sent the prioritization *vide* letter dated 18.2.2005. Projects under NLCP are taken up based on the prioritization received and availability of funds under the Plan.

Damage by wild elephants in Chhattisgarh

1866. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report regarding damage to human lives, crops and houses, etc. By migratory wild elephants in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details about the extent of damage caused and compensation, if any , paid to the victims, during the last two years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to include the area affected by the wild elephants under 'Project Elephant'; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop the damage by these elephants and the details of proposal sent by State Government in this regard?